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PRODUCTION OF KHARIF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of Kharif crops has increased as compared to the corresponding period of last year as reported in Financial Express dated August 23, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;

(c) the details of targets fixed by the Government in term of percentage under National Food Security Mission; and

(d) the manner in which the recent floods have affected the targets of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The news item in `Financial Express` dated 23rd August, 2007 reported, inter-alia, about the Fourth Advance Estimates in Kharif 2006-07. Following table gives the production of major Kharif crops during 2006-07 vis-Ã -vis 2005-06:

Kharif Crop	Kharif Production (Million Tonnes) 2006-07@	2005-06
Rice	80.11	78.27
Coarse Cereals	25.67	26.73
Pulses	4.74	4.87
Foodgrains	110.52	109.87
Oilseeds	13.94	16.77
Sugarcane	345.31	281.17
Cotton #	22.70	18.50

@ 4th advance estimates released on 19.07.2007
# In million bales of 170 kgs each.

Kharif production of rice, foodgrains, sugarcane and cotton increased in 2006-07 compared to 2005-06 whereas that of coarse cereals, pulses and oilseeds are lower.

(c)&(d): Under the National Food Security Mission, it is envisaged to enhance the production of rice by 10 million tonnes, wheat by 8 million tonnes and pulses by 2 million tonnes by 2011-12. These targets are set for the year 2011-12.